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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following is filed in timely response to the non-final Office Action mailed on
 25 October 23, 2006, wherein the Examiner:

1. Entered the substitute specification.
2. Rejected claim 30 under Section 112, second paragraph.
3. Rejected Claims 14-16, 18, 22, 26, 30, and 40 under Section 103(a).
4. Found claim 17 allowable if rewritten to be independent of the rejected base
 30 claim, incorporating all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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